Deaths at AIIMS

†218. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the capacity of All India Institute of Medical Sciences to treat patients;

(b) the number of deaths that take place in AIIMS everyday; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to stop the deaths that take place everyday in this best medical institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (c) The AIIMS Hospital on an average treats 17 lakh patients every year. This is in addition to the patients coming to the Casualty wards on their own or referred by various hospitals in the city. The AIIMS hospital (including Centres) has 1626 beds. The average occupancy per day is more than 80%.

On an average about 10 deaths take place in the Institute every day.

Adequate attention is given by the doctos, nurses and other staff to all the patients admitted in various wards of the hospital and patients reporting to the general OPD and Casualty.

Health for all by 2000

219. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA:Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to the World Health Organisation's declaration of 'Health for all by 2000';

(b) if so, what action has been taken in the last two years to provide health services to the common man;

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(c) whether the funds earmarked for such services have been utilised fully; and

(d) if not, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. To achieve the goal of 'Health for All' by 2000 A.D. A comprehensive network of rural health infrastructure comprising 1,36,818 Sub-centres, 22,991 Primary Health Centres, 2,712 Community Health Centres has been established throughout the country as on 30.6.1998 to provide preventive, promotive and curative health care in rural areas.

Government has been making every effort to augment the resources for the health and family welfare sectors by mobilising external assistance from various bilateral and multilateral agencies for implementing the national programmes for AIDS, Malaria, T.B., Leprosy, Blindness, Reproductive Child Health Programme. Besides, for upgrading the rural hospitals in selected States World Bank assistance has been availed of which would further improve delivery of health services.

(c) and (d) The funds earmarked in the respect of major health programmes have been utilised to a large extent.

Blindness due to cataract operations

220. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have become blind as a result of cataract operations, done without proper precautions, in Government Hospitals/Camps in different States during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the steps taken to check recurrence of such negligence and with what success;

(c) whether any action has been initiated against the doctors concerned; and